

**State Committee of Examiners in the
Fitting and Dispensing of Hearing Instruments
Full Committee Meeting
Friday, February 18, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.
Department of State Health Services, Room-218
8407 Wall Street
Austin, Texas 78724**

MINUTES

Board Members Present

James McCrae - President
Gordon Bisel- Vice President
Richard Davila, II
Kenneth Earl
Ronald J. Ensweiler
Rosemary Geraci
Jerome Kosoy, M.D.
Audrey M. Mc Donald

TDH Staff Present

Stephen Mills
David Richards
Debbie Peterson
Melissa Utpadel

Guest Present

Rose Minette, DARS
Scott Pospisil, THAA
Kelly Kelley, HRI
Michael DeLaCruz, PLCU
Ray Jones
J. Geraci

Agenda item 1 was the call to order at 10:10 a.m., by Mr. McCrae, President

Agenda item 2 Introduction of Guests. No action taken

Agenda item 3 Introduction of New Member. Audrey McDonald. No action was taken

Agenda item 4 Review and Approval of Committee Report from meeting held October 8, 2004. A motion made by Mr. Bisel to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda item 5 Public Comment. Ms. Minette made a presentation. No action was taken

Agenda item 6 was discussion and possible Action Regarding the following subcommittee reports.

- I. Complaints
 - A. Discussion and possible action on the following complaints FD-04-045, FD-04-55, FD-04-060, FD-04-037, and FD-05-004 were closed no violation. FD-04-035, FD-04-038. FD-04-042, FD-05-007, FD-05-009. No action was taken.
- II. Continuing Education
 - A. Discussion and possible action to approve Siemens Hearing Instruments, Inc., was approved. Texas Tech University Health Science Center was denied Department of Speech-Language and Hearing Sciences Sonic Innovations, was approved. Oklahoma Hearing Aid Association, was denied. Widex Hearing Aid Company was approved. Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services as a manufacturer or non-manufacturer continuing education sponsors was approved.
 - B. Discussion and possible action of staff assignment of course approval codes to each approved CE course. Was with drawn. Not discussed.
 - C. Verification of 2005 Specified Hours and information being communicated to licensees regarding same. Was with drawn. Not discussed.
 - D. Discussion and possible action regarding mandating that each CE provider include the committee specified courses in at least one their course offerings each year. Was with drawn. Not discussed.
- III. Examination
 - A. Discussion and possible action on the use of dummy heads in the practical exam. No action was taken.
 - B. Discussion and possible action on staff progress regarding their project to bring the practical examination scoring in line with the 5 sections as defined in the action taken by the Committee on February 20, 2004. The practical examination is to be broken down into five separate sections that must be passed independently, namely, (1) puretone audiometry, (2) speech audiometry, (3) masking, (4) sound field audiometry and (5) ear impressions. Was with drawn. Not discussed.
 - C. Discussion and possible action on the use of the International Licensing Examination that would be combined with a staff compiled section of written examination items relating to Texas laws, rules, and regulations. Mr. Zikowski, and staff made a presentation.
 - D. Discussion and possible action concerning test question databank. Was withdrawn, no action was taken.
 - E. Discussion and possible action of whether to seek an informal opinion from the Attorney General on validation of practical examination. A motion was made by Mr. Davila to submit examination for an opinion. After discussion the motion was denied, and passed.
 - F. Discussion and possible action regarding the practical examination scoring alignment as it relates to the five separate sections which must be passed individually. Was withdrawn, no action was taken.
- IV. Rules
 - A. Discussion and possible action regarding final adoption of proposed rules posted in the Texas Register (29 TexReg 11252) on December 3, 2004. A motion was made by Ms. Geraci to accept adoption. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

- B. Discussion and possible action to consider petition for adoption of amendments to 22 TA.C., Chapter 141, submitted by Ray Jones. A motion was made Mr. Ensweiler to deny. After discussion, the motion was seconded and passed.
- C. Discussion and possible action regarding Texas Occupations Code §402.404 Surety Bonding. Was withdrawn, no action was taken.
- D. Discussion and possible action regarding 22 TAC §141.16(e) Conditions of Sale and Record Keeping. Was withdrawn, no action was taken.
- E. Discussion and possible action regarding the topic of when is a sale of a hearing aid a sale. No action was taken
- F. Discussion and possible action regarding Committee Policies. No action was taken.
- G. Discussion and possible regarding supporting statement for hearing aid devices, professional and patient labeling and conditions for sale. Was withdrawn, not discussed.
- V. Applications
 - A. Discussion and possible action on management of licensing lists. No action was taken.

Agenda item 7 Update regarding committee web page. Ms. Feinleib made a report. No action was taken.

Agenda item 8 Committee Chairman Report. Mr. McCrae made presentation. No action was taken.

Unit Manager and Executive Director Reports. Ms. Petterson, made presentation. No action was taken. Mr. Mills presented executive director report. No action was taken.

Agenda item 9 Announcements and comments not requiring committee action. No action was taken.

Mr. Earl moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 12:15 p.m.

James McCrae, President